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**U.S. Representative**

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**Spratt Announces Grants to Area Museums**

**WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that Kalmia Gardens of Coker College and Hartsville Museum each will receive a \$6,370 federal grant to help fund preservation efforts by the museums.**

“Only 146 institutions nationwide are receiving these grants,” said Spratt, “and I am delighted that two are going to organizations in Hartsville.”

Spratt said the grants will support a two-day visit by a conservation professional who will review the overall condition of the museum’s collection, storage and exhibition conditions, and collections practices.

“The conservator’s recommendations will help each museum establish an action plan to conserve their treasures for years to come,” Spratt said.

The grants are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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